

MSSCAC Minutes 12/12/06

Call meeting to order at 6:10 pm

Present: Dick Lemont, Lori Howell, Sherm Hoyt, John Hentz, Kathleen Pezaris, Virginia Olsen, Hannah Annis, Denis-Marc Nault, Guests Renee Cloutier (MPO), Bruce McDonald

Minutes from previous meeting accepted motion Dick, second Kathleen – all in favor

Renee discussed Marine Patrols legislative proposals:

- 1) Reduce the amount a recreational harvester can take on a tide from ½ bushel to 15 # or a peck. Marine Patrol will now enforce the same law that municipal programs enforce.
- 2) Any harvester under license suspension shall not be in possession of clams. They are not allowed the ½ bushel recreational harvest that the state previously allowed. The only allowance for a suspended harvester to be in possession of clams is if they were purchased and they must have the receipt with them.

Motion to support legislation on behalf of Marine Patrol by Ginny, second by Jon – all in favor.

Renee will take our discussion and motion to support Marine Patrols legislation back to John Cornish.

Fisherman's Forum Discussion on topics- the forum will run from March 1-4

Lori- FDA- Control of VP- FDA is having regional meetings to inform people.

Catch – Effort in Southern Maine is it dropping? Sherm

1. Town level aquiculture increase Wiscasset and Kennebunkport with upwellers
2. Town aquiculture leases vs. private (mom and pop) leases
3. Key is more spat – problems arise with land owners

Forum group: Denis, Lori, Kathleen, and Ginny

Water Quality issues:

Restricted areas- Towns worry about DMR's reclassifications-

Working group: Sherm, Lori, Dick, & Terry to work with Amy and David.

We would like DMR to contact the AG about the Open/Closed notices. The working group will deal with this, as it will be a statutory change.

Denis spoke of the MSSCAC being a **true** advisory council, one with legislative recognition. Denis would like to see a few members of the Maine Seafood Alliance (MSA) join our council. MSA would be able to get information on the ground level and give it to the MSSCAC where it can be given to the commissioner, or put into legislation. No Action was taken.

Everyone was given a current bylaws and it was decided that we needed time to read them over for the next meeting.

Adjourn

